### STREPTOCOCCAL GENETICS

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Streptococcal Genetics presents a compilation of the most recent work in this important area, featuring over sixty contributions from the leading workers in the field. There has been a dramatic increase in interest and activity on this subject over the past few years, as investigators from all disciplines have embraced the new approaches and tools that genetic studies afford.

Initially, streptococcal genetics research centered on the study of gene transfer, antibiotic resistance, and plasmid biology. However, in recent years there has been an emphasis on genetic aspects of streptococcal virulence, pathogenicity, and metabolism. These studies are directed towards the major health problems associated with strep-

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IV. Oral Streptococci (7 chapters)

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V. Lactic Acid Streptococci (8 chapters)

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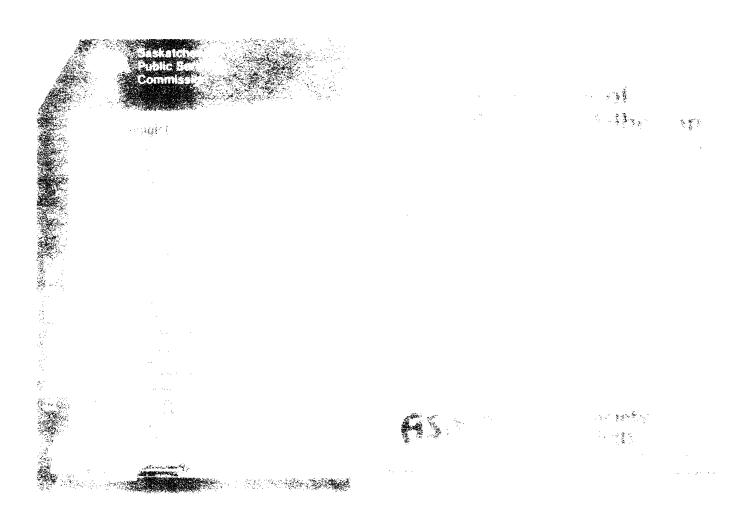
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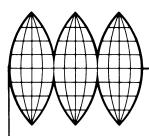
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